



## South Slope launches new internet plans

### High-speed Rocket Internet featuring speeds up to 1 Gigabit.

South Slope Cooperative Communications has launched new high-speed Rocket Internet plans for residential and business customers featuring speeds up to 1 Gigabit which is the equivalent of 1,000 Mbps.

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## What is a 'smishing' scam?

### It starts with a text, social engineering a victim to send an email, then shopping fraud.

The practice has been around for a few years, but current new scams are mystery shopping invitations that start with a text, social engineering the victim to send an email to the scammers, and then get roped into a shopping fraud.

## Who Is in Control of Your Digital Identity?

### Every time you go online, you leave electronic footprints.

Today, 87 percent of the U.S. population regularly goes online. Have you ever thought about what personal information you leave behind? Every time you go online, you leave electronic footprints that add to your digital identity. But do you know what your digital identity is and what can be done to control this imprint.

## Study: Online Shoppers Don't Realize How Vulnerable They Are to Cyber Attacks

### Strong digital security campaign.

Online shopping is all about freedom. Unlike brick and mortar stores, ecommerce websites allow you to peruse dozens of stores, hundreds of sizes, thousands of brands, and millions of styles in the click of a button. However, this freedom apparently comes at a pretty serious cost, as one study has revealed that no one realizes how risky it is to shop online.

## Wyoming Commits to FirstNet

### Strong commitment to AT&T-managed network for public safety.

Wyoming has become the second state—after Virginia—to sign on to the national framework for FirstNet, the interoperable emergency communications network.

## VA, Air Force Expand Tele-ICU Program for Patient Care

### Strong care for service members in critical condition.

A tele-ICU collaboration between the VA and the Air Force aims to extend patient care for service members in critical condition.

## **Infosys feeds North Carolina technology workforce with launch of innovation hub**

### **Train state residents in advanced tech.**

By partnering with local universities, the hub is expected to train 2,000 state residents in advanced technologies like machine learning, big data and cloud computing.

## **Microsoft will try to bring better broadband to two million rural Americans in the next five years**

Microsoft plans to announce on Tuesday a new campaign to try to “eliminate” the gap in high-speed internet access in the country’s hardest-to-reach areas — an effort called the Rural Airband Initiative, which will set an ambitious target of bringing better broadband to two million Americans within the next five years.

## **Virginia Will Become the First State to Opt-In to FirstNet’s National Public Safety Broadband Network**

Governor McAuliffe today signed a letter of intent declaring that the Commonwealth of Virginia will allow the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and AT&T to proceed with the deployment of the of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network in Virginia.

## **More than 1,000 income-subsidized housing units in San Francisco are getting free gigabit internet**

### **Each unit getting strong connectivity.**

Today, when residents at San Francisco’s Hunters Point East and West low-income, federally subsidized housing complex went online, many had access to free gigabit speed internet for the first time. This isn’t Wi-Fi that’s shared throughout the building, but rather each individual unit is getting its own fiber-speed internet connection.

## **Finding the balance of security, mobility in an Internet of Things world**

### **Strong security through centralized management.**

Paul Battaglia, the vice president of federal sales for Blackberry, said agencies want a single “pane of glass” to monitor the cyber posture of all of their mobile devices from laptops to smartphones to wearables.

## **How much mobile data does streaming media use?**

### **Fast broadband for HD video streaming & high-bitrate audio streaming.**

Here's the breakdown on how much data streaming music and video use so you know how much to budget.

## **Local Governments Focus on Cybersecurity After Attacks**

## **"Someone is going to click on a link they shouldn't."**

Licking and Henry counties become recent victims of ransomware attacks, in which hackers stole information or locked their systems and demanded to be paid. Neither county paid the high-tech extortion, but both had some services hampered because their computer systems had to be restored. Despite all of Franklin County's precautions, despite the defenses their team has built, it almost surely will happen to them.

## **Study Shows E-rate Improved Internet Speed for 79% of Applicants**

### **Affordable broadband for K-12 schools, libraries.**

79 PERCENT of E-rate applicants in the U.S. said they have faster internet on their campuses because of the program, which makes broadband services more affordable for K-12 schools and libraries. The finding comes from a study by Funds For Learning, a consulting firm that claims to assist schools in understanding the E-rate application process and documentation requirements.

## **Bipartisan bill tells NIST to develop 'cyber-hygiene' guide for public, businesses**

### **Patching in a timely fashion; basic cybersecurity guideline envisaged by a new bill.**

Federal scientists at the National Institute for Standards and Technology would be tasked — in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Trade Commission — to develop concise voluntary guidelines for basic online security measures, called cyber-hygiene, under a new bipartisan bill introduced in both chambers of Congress.

## **3 Ways to Protect Your Data in the Cloud**

### **The importance of strong passwords.**

For consumers, the cloud is a big blessing: It lets them store huge amounts of information—music, messages, photos and so on—at little or no cost. Unlike a physical file cabinet, data stored in the cloud can be at risk of being stolen by cyber-criminals around the world.

## **50 million US homes have only one 25Mbps Internet provider or none at all**

### **Strong broadband deployment needed.**

More than 10.6 million US households have no access to wired Internet service with download speeds of at least 25Mbps, and an additional 46.1 million households live in areas with just one provider offering those speeds, a new analysis has found. That adds up to more than 56 million households lacking any high-speed broadband choice over wired connections.

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